

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
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POLYMER-SUPPORTED LEWIS ACID  
CATALYST  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the  
present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claims 5-7 as follows:*

5. (Amended) The polymer-supported Lewis acid catalyst according to claim 1, wherein  
the polymeric chain comprises a polymer obtained by the addition polymerization of aromatic  
monomers.

6. (Amended) The polymer-supported Lewis acid catalyst according to claim 1, wherein  
the polyvalent element (M) is a lanthanoid element.